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Postal Regulatory Commission:

In response to the Final Determination to Close the Glencliff, NH post office, I wish to appeal that decision made by the U.S. Postal Service.

I do not feel that the Postal Service objectively listened to the members of our community or to the several hundred Appalachian Trail hikers who voiced their opinions and signed petitions to keep it open. Many people who submitted comments expressed a concern about the hikers. The Postal Service repeatedly cited "whiteblaze.net" saying that "Glencliff Post office is one of 128 post offices listed as being along the Appalachian Trail." That statement itself is false. According to the Thru-Hikers Handbook, 2010 Edition, there are 52 post offices within up to 25 miles of the trail. Many of those 52 post offices are also under a "Proposal to Close" by the Postal Service.

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy has rated Glencliff as a #1, being "the" most important post office to hikers due to its proximity to the trail and for being the mail drop where hikers resupply with winter gear for above

treeline.

If our post office is closed, we will no longer have a Glencliff, NH address or zip code. The postal service wrote in one of their responses that "a community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name." And in the same breath they are trying to take that away from us. I hope you will reconsider the Postal Service's decision to close the Glencliff Post office, please, and the impact it will have on our community.

Sincerely,

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